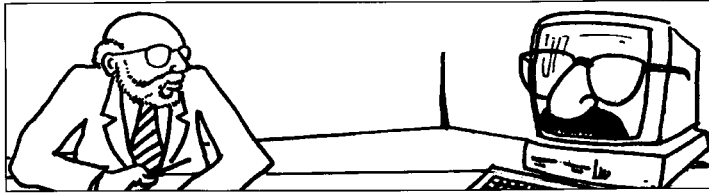


# TURING TEST

## ARE YOU A COMPUTER?

### THE TURING TEST CAN TELL!



**10:00 AM: Easy Questions**

Turing: Hello, I am Dr. Alan Turing. I'm going to ask you a few simple questions. State your name please.

Computer: Simon III.

T: Your full name?

Simon: Max Felix John Simon III.

T: Where are you from?

Max: ...Belize.

T: Have any family?

M: No.

T: What happened to them?

M: ...Earthquake.

T: Sorry. What do you do for a living?

M: Manufacturing.

T: You mean you work in a factory, or you're a supervisor?

M: Yes.

**10:30 AM: Psychology**

T: Now we're going to look at some pictures. What does this look like to you?

M: It looks like an ink splotch.

T: Okay, but look deep into it, let your imagination run wild.

M: Two ink splotches.

T: Deeper, wilder.

M: Actually, four ink splotches.

T: Maybe you don't understand. Look at this picture, and then tell me what it reminds you of, like a butterfly, or a face. Try this one.

M: Butterfly.

T: Good! Now try this one.

M: Butterfly face.

**11:15 AM: Tricky Questions**

T: It's time to do the laundry. You need to wash a white t-shirt, a blue pinstriped button-down, a black turtleneck, and a red sweater with white polka dots. How many loads will you need to do?

M: That could all fit in one load.

T: Darks and lights in the same load?

M: Two loads would do it.

**12:00 AM: Psychology Again**

T: Let's play a little game. I'm going to say a word, and you say the next word that comes into your mind.

M: Sounds easy.

T: Okay, here we go. Dog.

M: Doily.

T: No, no, no. I say a word, then you say what it makes you think of.

M: Oh, I get it. Try me again.

T: Electricity.

M: Food.

T: Food?

M: That's what I thought of. Wouldn't it be neat if electricity were not a painful shock, but a *tasty treat*? Of course, that's not the case for humans like us.

**12:45 AM: Nap Time**

T: Are you a computer?

M: Nope.

T: You'd be surprised how many fall for that one.

M: Not me.

**1:30 AM: Math Time**

T: What's fifty-six times thirty-three? M: One thousand eight hundred forty-eight.

T: You're pretty fast!

M: Those are my favorite numbers.

T: All right, how about five thousand and two divided by sixty-one?

M: Eighty-two.

T: Right again! Are you some sort of math whiz?

M: ...Those are more of my favorite numbers.

**3:00 PM: Computer Science**

T: How good are you with computers?

M: About the same as an average person, I'd say... how about you?

T: Here's an easy question. Let's say you type the following program into a computer:

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10 PRINT "HELLO"  
20 GOTO 10
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What do you think would happen?

M:

HELLO

HELLO

HELLO

HELLO

HELLO

HELLO

HELLO

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